



**Captain  
J.R. Dixon  
United States Navy**

**Executive Officer  
USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65)**



Commander “JD” Dixon, a native of Bedford, Virginia, was commissioned in May 1986 at the Virginia Military Institute. Following flight training at NAS Whiting Field, Florida and NAS Beeville, Texas, he received his Wings of Gold in April 1988. He completed A-7 Corsair II training with VA-122 at NAS Lemoore, California in January 1989. Reporting to VAQ-34 at NAS Point Mugu, California in January 1989, he flew the A-7E and TA-7C electronic warfare configured variants of the aircraft in a fleet support role for the THIRD and SEVENTH Fleets. Commander Dixon returned to Lemoore in November 1992, transitioning to the F/A-18 Hornet at VFA-125. In September 1993, he reported to VFA-27 in Lemoore and made a deployment in 1994 onboard the USS KITTY HAWK. In June 1996 the squadron completed a homeport change to Atsugi, Japan, where it was assigned to Carrier Air Wing Five and the USS INDEPENDENCE. In November 1996 he was assigned to Commander Strike Fighter Wing Pacific as the Assistant Operations Officer and subsequently reported to VFA-115 for his department head tour, making a Persian Gulf deployment in 1998 aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. From November 1999 until November 2000, Commander Dixon attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, earning a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Prior to graduation, he was selected to represent the Naval War College as an Associate Fellow for Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group XX from December 2000 to July 2001. In August 2001, he reported to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as the Air-to-Air Missile Requirements Officer. Commander Dixon departed the Pentagon in October 2002 and following refresher training at VFA-125, reported to VFA 113 as Executive Officer. On 28 June 2004 Commander Dixon assumed command of Strike Fighter Squadron 113. Under his command, the squadron completed a deployment to the Western Pacific and was awarded the Navy Battle “E” for overall excellence. Following his command tour he completed the Nuclear Power Training pipeline and reported as Executive Officer of USS ENTERPRISE in September 2007. His awards include the 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 3 Air Medal/Strike Flight Awards (One with Combat “V” and two Strike Flight), two Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals (Combat “V”), five Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various campaign and service awards. Commander Dixon is married to the former Melissa Shrader of California. The Dixon’s have three children, Benjamin, Sara, and Samuel, and will reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.